

# German National Focal Point (NFP)

## Agenda:

- German NFP
- German defence industry
- German particularities in the EDF
- Networking and cooperation with German companies and RTOs

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## German National Focal Point (NFP)

- Carried out by the project management company VDI Technologiezentrum
- Commissioned by the German MoD
- Our tasks:
  - Information: disseminate information on the EDF in German
  - Networking: especially finding consortium partners
  - Consulting services: accessible, free of charge and confidential



# German defence landscape

- Major players:
  - Large companies: Rheinmetall, Diehl, Hensoldt, KNDS, Airbus
  - Research organisations: Fraunhofer, German Aerospace Center (DLR), universities
  - SMEs and start ups
- National Security and Defence Industry Strategy, adopted in December 2024
  - Focus on dynamic, scalable and innovative defence industry
  - Strong European and international cooperation
  - Key sectors: ICT, AI, maritime sector, sensors (among others)
- New government expected in the next months

## German particularities in the EDF

### Development Actions:

- German Industry is free to apply wherever they see an opportunity, no intervention of MoD
- No automatic co-financing of the eligible cost gap
- German consortia can apply for co-financing at the German MoD (by June 30, 2025)
- Some action categories less in focus (e.g. cyber)

### Research Actions:

- No Letters of Support (LoS) issued by German MoD

# Networking and cooperation opportunities

- German NFP
- Regional associations:
  - Bayern Innovativ (Bavaria)
  - ZENIT (NRW)
  - Berlin Partner (Berlin)
  - Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) regional Offices
- Federal associations:
  - BDSV (German Association of the Security and Defence Industry)
  - Bitkom (ICT sector)
  - BDLI (Aerospace)

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